

SHIPBUILDING ON CANADA'S WEST COAST

NATIONAL SHIPBUILDING STRATEGY MILESTONES

Thanks to the National Shipbuilding Strategy (NSS), Seaspan Shipyards is leading the redevelopment of Canada's shipbuilding industry from the West Coast.

The NSS is a long-term program that was launched by the Government of Canada to renew the fleets of the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) and Canadian Coast Guard (CCG), support job creation and revitalize the shipbuilding industry. Divided into three packages of work, Seaspan is responsible for the construction of Canada's next generation of non-combat vessels.

Since 2011, Seaspan Shipyards has invested more than \$200M modernizing its facility, invested millions in training and education, and has begun construction on four large vessels. Below is a timeline of the progress that has been made to date.

2011

October 19 – Seaspan Shipyards chosen as the prime contractor to build non-combat vessels under the National Shipbuilding Procurement Strategy

2012

December 12 – Seaspan and the Government of Canada complete the NSPS Umbrella Agreement
October 19 – Official start of the shipyard modernization project

2013

October 11 – NSPS Secretariat announces Vancouver Shipyards to build the Joint Support Ships in 2016

2014

October 27 – Seaspan starts construction on initial blocks for first NSPS vessel.
November 6 – Seaspan celebrates completion of Vancouver Shipyard's \$170M modernization project

2015

June 18 – Seaspan signs the build contract for the first Offshore Fisheries Science Vessel
June 19 – Full rate construction begins on the first OFSV
November 27 – Seaspan starts construction of head office

2016

March 14 – Seaspan signs design contracts for Offshore Oceanographic Science Vessel and Joint Support Ships
March 29 – Seaspan's Vancouver Shipyards starts construction on second OFSV

2017

February 3 – Seaspan starts construction on the third OFSV
February 28 – Government announces \$230M contract with Seaspan to develop and finalize the design of the Navy's Joint Support Ship
December 7 – Seaspan Shipyards and the Government of Canada celebrate the launch of the first vessel designed and built under Canada's National Shipbuilding Strategy

2018

April 9 – Seaspan Shipyards opens a new corporate head office demonstrating its long-term commitment to build ships in Canada
May 31 – Seaspan Shipyards and the Government of Canada announce that construction is to begin on Joint Support Ships



February 25, 2014 – Canada's largest gantry crane arrives at Seaspan's Vancouver Shipyards